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1. The 7 Artillery Regiment, Unit No. 1870 is now stationed at Simitli (N4153 E2306) in new, recently completed barracks. Until late 1950 Regiment headquarters were in the railway station of Krupnik in the Gorna Dzhumaya district, and prior to that in Samokov (N4219 E2333). Its officers are:
 - a. Regimental commander: Lieutenant Colonel Yanev, 45 years old, received special training in the Soviet Union;
 - b. Political commissar: Captain Kotev, 33 years old;
 - c. Adjutant: Lieutenant Iliev, 30 years old; and
 - d. Security officer: Lieutenant Shikov, 35 years old.
2. The Regiment consists of two "artillery divisions" formerly known as artillery detachments. Each division has two batteries of 50 men. The 1 Artillery Division, under the command of Captain Kurkov, is composed of:
 - a. The 1 Battery: Unit No. 1871, commanded by Lieutenant Bilyarski, which has four guns (two Soviet ZIS mounted on rubber tires and two old German models on steel-rimmed wheels), each of which is drawn by six horses, with a total of 40 horses assigned to a battery; and
 - b. The 2 Battery: [REDACTED] commanded by Lieutenant Kostov.

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The 2 Artillery Division, under the command of 38-year-old Captain Ivanov, is composed of:

- a. The 3 Battery: Unit No. 1873, commanded by Lieutenant Zanec, about 32 years old, who is not a Communist and is well-liked by his men; and
 - b. The 4 Battery: Unit No. 1874, commanded by Lieutenant Ivanov, about 33 years old.
3. A fifth battery, Unit No. 1975, under the command of 2 Artillery Division, is a service battery responsible for supplying the whole regiment.

25X1 Comment: It is not clear whether the "divisions" and batteries in paragraphs two and three above are actually known by the above-mentioned numbers (such as 1 Artillery Division, 1 Battery, etc.), or whether the numbers refer only to the quantity of units within a larger unit (such as, one battery, Unit No. 1871; a second battery, Unit No. 1872, etc.).

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